



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB)

### Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Ford.

**Members Present:** Millie Acasio, Dolli Cutler, John Patrick Ford, Floyd Willis, Sharon McColl, Cheryl Wilson **Not present:** Rudy Fernandez, William Liu, Leane Marchese, Madeline Paul, Don Steele, Rosemary White-Pope **Staff Present:** Diana Gray **Guests:** Joyce DiCicco, Paul Downey, Susan Ferguson, Jeanette Van

Minutes of November 3, 2004 were approved as presented with one modification to include Cheryl Wilson as being in attendance. Dolli Cutler moved and Sharon McColl seconded.

#### **Modifications to the Agenda:**

Added Paul Downey to SAAB's agenda. As a past chair of the Senior Affairs Advisory Board, Paul will present specific information on what he has found to be successful in the past when establishing annual goals and objectives for SAAB.

Paul presented his thoughts on how SAAB could have more of a voice and impact in relation to senior concerns and issues within the City of San Diego. His initial recommendation was that SAAB should start with the Mayor's Office, especially with the change in form of government.

Paul went on to state that there was a three pronged approach he would take to impacting Senior issues within San Diego.

1<sup>st</sup> Recommendation: Try to push to get the Mayor to attend one or two of the meetings (not for the entire meeting), this would serve to reinforce that Seniors' issues are important.

2<sup>nd</sup> Recommendation: Put some focus on Intergovernmental guidelines to incorporate more emphasis on senior issues. This would include putting forward proposals to amend that City document to include language that indicates more of a concern for bringing Senior issues forward to the State legislature. An example, is that the Senior Housing concern will require more subsidy from Federal Government. This is an opportunity to have the City lobbyist push for that. Commitment for funding is definitely needed here. This would be a good time to recommend that someone sitting on the board would also liaise with the San Diego Housing Commission. This is a natural collaborative effort that SAAB should participate in, since it is where the money is for affordable housing.

Floyd Willis recommended that SAAB should arrange to get a representative on the San Diego Housing Commission and that representative will be chosen by the Senior Affairs Advisory Board Housing Task Force. Dolli Cutler so moved and Sharon McColl seconded. The motion was carried.

3<sup>rd</sup> Recommendation: Was to also invite other Council Offices to become more aware of senior issues in San Diego. This would be an opportune to extend an invitation to each of the council offices to have each respective staff dealing with senior issues to attend our meetings.

Finally, Paul also stated once asked about presentations before Council that SAAB should get a voice before Council. Twice a year a report should be made -- Once before the full Council and once before a Committee.

### **Old Business:**

**Housing Task Force** – Pat Ford presented the Goals and objectives of the Housing Task Force that were developed in December of 2004. Because SAAB experienced the loss of it's Chairperson and several members, the goals and objectives of this task force were put aside and the focus was placed on putting recommendations forward for replacing the chair and filling vacant seats on the board.

Cheryl Wilson volunteered to chair the Housing Task Force.

**SAAB Web Site** – Current work to go forward to updating web will also show current membership and meeting times and minutes. Diana Gray will work on the website.

### **New Business:**

**Attendance** -- SAAB will adopt stricter attendance rules in keeping with trying to push forward with meeting goals and objectives. A new policy for attendance was adopted by the Senior Affairs Advisory Board effective January 1, 2005. In order to maintain a quorum for each monthly meeting and obtain the benefit from input of all appointed representatives to the advisory board, an improved attendance is needed. In addition, timely arrival to meet the scheduled agenda and as a courtesy to invited guest speakers and other board members is expected at future meetings. Every convenience for attendance is now provided, including parking validation for the length of the meeting and lunch to cover the meeting hours from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Actual length of meetings 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

**Attendance Policy** -- Board members will confirm their attendance for a scheduled meeting with Diana Gray upon receipt of the meeting notice and enclosures for the agenda. If a member is unable to attend due to illness, absence from the city or a business conflict, their absence will be recorded as excused upon notice to Diana. Any member missing three meetings in one year without a recorded excuse will be referred to the City Council for replacement.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 5, 2005*

*Chairperson: Patrick Ford*

*SAAB website: <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/senior.shtml>*

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